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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Leah E. Appel, et al.

Examiner: S. Gollamudi

APPLICATION NO.: 09/745,095

FILING DATE: December 20, 2000

Group Art Unit: 1616

TITLE: Hydrogel-Driven Drug Dosage Form

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER RULE 111

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2002 in the above-identified application, the term for response having been extended three (3) months by including the appropriate fee and petition herewith.

In response to the Office Action, please make the following changes to the application:

In the claims:

Cancel claim 1.

Cancel claims 3, 4, 5, and 6.

PO, Sub C1 ~~(Once Amended) The dosage form of claim 2 wherein said drug-entraining agent is selected from the group consisting of polyols, oligomers of polyethers, mixtures of polyfunctional organic acids, cationic materials, polyethylene oxide, hydroxyethyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, carboxyethylcellulose, gelatin, and xanthan gum.~~

Cancel claims 10 and 11.

PO2 Sub C1 ~~12. (Once Amended) The dosage form of claim 2 wherein said drug-containing~~